

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-12, 23-30 and 45-50 are now pending in the application. In response to the Office Actions mailed October 17, 2006 and March 13, 2007, Claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, 11-12, 23-30 and 45-47 are rewritten upon entry of this paper. Applicants hereby request reconsideration and further examination. The Applicants note that the discussion of angled rollers in claims 1, 11, 23 and 45 have been removed from the response as requested by the Examiner in the March 13, 2007 Office Action.

Claims 2 and 50 were objected to because of informalities. Claims 2 and 50 are rewritten to overcome these objections, and Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are now in proper form with respect to the deficiencies noted in the Office Action. The drawings in reference to various claims were also objected to and the relevant claims have been cancelled and thus no changes to the drawings are required, although the Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention, that all of the referenced features are available to the Examiner in the references incorporated by reference, specifically references 4,473,029 and 4,546,060 as well as co-pending U.S. application Publication number 20050202164 based on Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/551464, titled "Powder Coating Apparatus and Method of Powder Coating Using an Electromagnetic Brush," filed on March 9, 2004, which is commonly assigned, and which was incorporated by reference.

Independent claims 1, 11, 23 and 45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Dessie and/or Nakazato. Claims 1, 11, 23 and 45 have been amended to more particularly claim the invention for an toning station that includes both a roller and a rotating magnetic core as referenced throughout the detailed description and further supported in detail in the incorporated, references 4,473,029 and 4,546,060 as well as co-pending U.S. application Publication number 20050202164 based on Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/551464, titled "Powder Coating Apparatus and Method of Powder Coating Using an Electromagnetic Brush," filed on March 9, 2004, which is commonly assigned, and which was incorporated by reference.

The Applicants now understand that the previous term "applicator" may have been misunderstood by the Examiner and is in fact not supported by the detailed description. The term "toning station" is a term that is well understood, as

supported in the specification in many places including in the summary, description of drawings as well as throughout the detailed description in relation to this invention, for example on page 10, lines 19-23. On page 11, lines 1-5 the reason why this is important is summarized:

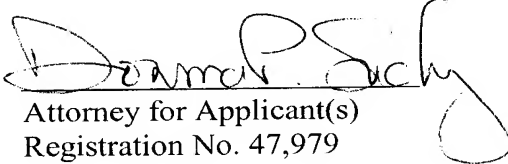
Additionally, various embodiments may expand the toning width of the printer using currently available toning stations. Using currently available toning stations may allow a printer to be conveniently modified to use multiple toning stations without requiring expensive, additional parts. Of course, these are merely examples, and other advantages may also exist.

In contrast Desie teaches away from the present invention as discussed throughout the Dessie patent and summarized in column 6, lines 29-44, which states in part that “ the developer was controlled in a central conditioning unit...” This is in addition to the fact that Dessie uses a stationary magnetic core and the present invention is for the rotating magnetic core that is well described in the incorporated, specifically references 4,473,029 and 4,546,060 as well as co-pending U.S. application Publication number 20050202164 based on Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/551464, titled "Powder Coating Apparatus and Method of Powder Coating Using an Electromagnetic Brush," filed on March 9, 2004, which is commonly assigned, and which was incorporated by reference.

The Applicants repeat the arguments presented with respect to the independent claims for the dependent claims that stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102, and respectfully request that the rejection of these claims on this basis and, in view of the amendments made to these claims, be withdrawn since these claims are dependent on allowable independent claims as discussed above.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-3, 5, 7-12, 23-30 and 45-50 are allowable in their present form, and hereby request such allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned in the event that a phone interview will expedite prosecution of this application towards allowance.

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